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THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

To-day is the forty-seventh anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday. Forty-seven years is a short period in the world's history; but a span even in the history of England; and yet what mighty changes have been evolved since Victoria first saw the light. Troubles times preceded Her Majesty's advent—the Great Napoleon had been devastating Europe, the continent had formed one vast battle field in which nearly every European nationality had been engaged in deadly conflict, even in the New World, the clash of arms had not long been quelled. Ambition, aggrandizement, the lust of power and of conquest had kept the civilized world in a ceaseless turmoil. Kings and Emperors had it indeed all pretty much their own way. The destiny of a nation and the happiness of a people depended at that time on a very slender thread.

A whim, a desire for increased territory or a feeling of personal hate on the part of the reigning monarch, was enough to involve the population in war. Things are a little different now. Even in the most despotic country in Europe the people's will must be to some extent respected. The "divine right" of monarchs is fast fading away before the march of enlightenment and the force of example. It is difficult for even the Russian now to swallow the superstitious dogma when he looks at the first European power governed by a number of men who are indebted for their position to the people, and who are responsible to the same authority for their acts. It is difficult when he looks across the Atlantic and sees the Government of a powerful nation made up every few years out of the citizens of the commonwealth. This is the great feature of the present century—the rapid progress of popular government, the elevation of the people from mere flocks and herds to active participants in the conduct of public affairs. If we were asked to point out the most gratifying fact in the forty-seven years to which we have alluded, we would undoubtedly point to this. It is this political progress which sheds so grand a lustre around Victoria's reign, and which makes the throne of England secure while the monarchs on the continent are subjected to periodical perils; and it is to the glory of the Queen of England that she has on every and all occasions shown an anxious desire to carry out the will of her people. In no period in English history has there been a monarch who entered so thoroughly into the feelings and wishes of the population. The President of a republic may stand, as the present President of the United States stands, in direct antagonism to the Legislature; but the Queen of England takes no part in the political affairs of the country. She belongs to no party—she has no policy to carry out—the views of the people may be her views or they may not; but under any circumstances her course is plain, she sanctions them. This is her great safeguard—the safeguard of the monarchy and the safeguard of the nation. This it is which has kept Great Britain in domestic peace and quietness while almost every other power has been undergoing the throes of revolution. It is not, however, her political capacity that Queen Victoria is the model queen. In her moral and social character she is an example to the whole nation. The gowgaws of sovereignty have no especial attraction for her. Simple and unpretending in her attire and in her habits, feminine vanity finds no place in her active mind. If she has a weakness at all, it is that weakness which in persons of lower station is generally denominated a virtue—an affectionate heart. At any time during the last few years she would have been only too glad to have given up the sceptre, and retired to that seclusion which would have enabled her to mourn Prince Albert's death undisturbed; but with a spirit of self-denial, she remained at her post—when her heart was too deeply laden with grief to perform those court functions which custom exacts from the Sovereign, she still went through her political duties. It is such a Queen as this that dignifies monarchy and makes it acceptable to the nation, and it is such a Queen as this that gives to the 24th of May the character of a true national holiday wherever the British subject resides. Other nations have their national holidays—some of them a great deal more sacred than the mere anniversary of an exemplary woman's birth—but it is left to the Englishman to boast that his holiday is kept in every latitude and in every clime—that the strains of the national anthem are heard in every part of that Empire on which the sun never sets.

**TENDERS WANTED FOR FENCING**  
**THE LOFT AT THE LADIES' COL-**  
Tenders may be sent to  
WRIGHT & SANDERS,  
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**REGULAR OR OCCASIONAL EMP-**  
ployments for audit accounts, &c., to do  
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Address H. H. DAILY COLONIST office.

## OAKLANDS HOTEL,

Cedar Hill Road.

**MENSH, LEGATI AND DELOUY**  
beg to inform the public and their friends  
that the OAKLANDS HOTEL will be  
fully decorated for the occasion. William's  
Oval Room from town. Dancing will begin  
at 8 o'clock p.m.

N.B.—The Hall may be used for dancing or Pic-  
nic parties free of charge.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## AUCTION.

ON WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 30th,

J. P. DAVIES & CO.  
WILL SELL

On Wednesday, May 30,  
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Harrison and J. D. Walker,  
Esquire,

On Moss Street,  
NEAR CORNER OF FORT,

Measuring forty (40) feet front, and  
one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet deep, will be sold for

Cash—Without Reserve,

JAMES SHERIDAN,  
Pianoforte Tuner & Repairer.

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PAIRING received at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s  
Book and Music Store, Government street, opposite the Bank of British Columbia.

Sporborg & Rueff,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
Importers and Wholesale Dealers  
—IN—

Groceries, Provisions,  
Boots and Shoes.

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**THE WELL KNOWN FARM**  
FOR CATTLE, HORSES, SHEEP,  
VINEYARD, WITH STEAM & GEAR MILL, Grist-  
mill and Threshing Mills, Oastmeal Mill, Bakery  
and Macaroni complete, an excellent  
Dwelling House, Barn, Stables, Smithy, Carpen-  
ter's Shop, etc., etc.

The property is beautifully situated on the Vic-  
toria Arm, and near Esquimalt Harbor.

—ALSO—

The Farm of COLOWD, distant from Vic-  
toria, situated by land, and conveniently laid  
out water. This Farm extends backwards from  
Esquimalt Harbor, on which it has a frontage  
and landing pier. It has a suitable Dwelling  
House (most pleasantly situated, overlooking the  
Strait of Juan de Fuca), Servants' Houses, Barn, Stables, Stable,  
Brussels Carpet, Rug, Bear Skins;

Velvet Pipe Table Cover;

Window Blinds, Poles and Curtains, &c.;

## Dining Room.

Gheavy English Mahogany Chairs

Easy Chair

Small Walnut Plate Glass Front Marble Top  
Sideboard

Lounge

Lot of Plate

Cruet Stands

Eight-Day Clock

Knives and Forks, Spoons

Cut Glass Decanters, Tumblers

Wine Glasses, Water Monkey

Stoves

Engravings, &c., &c.

## Bedroom.

2 handsome Mahogany Bureaus, with Marble

Top and large Swing Glasses

Mahogany Marble Top Washstand, to match

Bedstead to match

Small Mahogany Work Table

Rocking and Bedroom Chairs

Iron Pillar Bedstead

Hip Bath

Bed and Table Linen

Gilt China Washstand Service

Perfumery and Bottles

Window Blinds, Curtains and Cornices,

&c., &c.

## Kitchen.

The usual Pots, Pans, &c., &c.

—ALSO—

MR. WILLIAM LUSCH'S WILLIS WILL

Run at intervals, starting from St. Nicholas

Hotel, betw. 8:30 and 10:30 p.m., and return at

intervals, commencing at 12 o'clock.

FARE, 50 CENTS EACH WAY.

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## GOVERNOR'S BALL.

—ON—

THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF MAY,

AT THE PARK HOTEL,

ADMISSION FREE.

THE HOUSE WILL BE TASTFULLY

decorated with Evergreens, etc. A Grand

Feast will be served in the Ballroom.

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